

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace/amend the following paragraph of the Specification

Please amend the third paragraph on page 6, at lines 13-22 as follows:

~~Although it has not been shown~~ As seen in Figures 2, 4, and 6, the metal strips (7) have an uneven contact surface (8) with the purpose of putting up resistance to the relative axial movement of both members (2,4). The unevenness of the surface of the metal strip (7), its thickness and the material from which it is made, will depend on the resisting load to be provided to the intermediate shaft (1) of the steering column of the motor vehicle, as per the requirements according to the vehicle model and type as well as the operating conditions thereof.